CITY COUNCIL.

The regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday night last. Present, Messrs. Crowle, Summerson, Tams, Butts, Crimmens, Bell, Armentrout, Weller, Bargamin, and McQuaide.

In the absence of Mr. Berkeley, Capt. McQuaide was called to the chair.

Mr. Tams from the Finance Committee reported favorably the account of T. C. Elder for fees in the Knightly case, and asking that warrants be drawn for $500 to pay Knightly, and $200 to pay T. C. Elder's fee.

Mr. Butts, from Water Committee reported favorably the petition of Staunton Furniture manufacturing Company, asking to have city water piped to their lot, upon condition that the company pay for the water used, at such rate as may be determined by the Council.

Mr. Crimmens, from Fire Committee, returned list of property turned over to the city by the Newtown Hose Company.

Mr. Bell reported changes in police ordinance so as to increase the regular force from six to seven.

On motion of Mr Bargamin, Mr. Feyton Hutchens was placed on the regular police force.

Report of Committe rejecting the Kable petition was taken up and adopted.

Mr. Tams, reported an ordinance and contract concerning the proposition for the Street Railway from the Staunton Improvement Company, both of which were adopted. It grants the right of way asked for, with a franchise for 30 years; the work to be begun in six months, and the railway company to keep the street in repair between its tracks, and for two feet on each side. Provisions for taxing the proceeds of the company are also made.

On motion of Mr. Tams, it was ordered that a 10 inch sewer pipe be laid along East Beverly street from Coalter street to the Sherwood School property, and through the properties of M. P. Funkhouser, and the D. D. & B. Institution to Lewis Creek. Cost about $800, to be assessed against property owners benefited thereby.

Mr. Summerson reported the Hurley house on Lewis street to be in a safe condition.

On motion of Mr. Butts, it was ordered that hereafter, and until September 1st, the Council shall meet only on the first Tuesday of each month.

On motion of Mr. Tams the tax ordinance was amended so as to require shows other than circuses to pay a license of $5 and $3, instead of $10 and $5.

On motion of Mr. Tams, it was ordered that hereafter the Commissioner of the Revenue be allowed 2½ per cent on the first $15,000, and 1 per cent on all over that amount for all assessments made by him.

Mr. Tams offered a resolution, which was referred, that the 85 acres owned by the city in rear of the Pump House be placed in the hands of the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, and they be authorized to employ a landscape gardener to improve the same and lay off walks and drives, to plant trees and shrubs for a public park. The name of the park to be "Gipsy Hill Park," from the legend of the Gipsies.

City Attorney Braxton reported that he had obtained a writ of supersedeas in the Stout case, and asked for expenses to Richmond. Referred.

The *Manufacturer's Record*, of Baltimore, submitted a proposition to print certain matter for the city for $200. Referred to special committee. Bell, Tams, and Armentrout. (We call the attention of the committee to the fact that we have six printing offices in Staunton, and native talent to do the "writing up." Consult them before you act.)

Mr. Crimmens, offered a resolution which was adopted, instructing the Water Committee to paint the fence around the reservoir.

By same—Petition of citizens on West Beverly street, asking for an electric light between Judge Grattan's and the cemetery gate. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Tams, a committee of three was appointed to accept the clock tower on the Y. M. C. A. building when satisfactorily completed, and to ask for bids for the clock. (Tams, Butts, and Crimmens.)

Geo. K. Harper, justice of the peace, having removed to Richmond, resigned his office, and Mr. J. C. King was elected to fill the vacancy.

R. E. Hosey having been employed as night watch, was granted police authority.

Citizens on the line of sewers along Lewis and Main streets, and from Kable's school, asked to be relieved of the tax.

W. F. Institute asked for use of Opera House for commencement exercises at reduced rates, which was granted.

Petition of A. A. Grubert was referred to Street Committee.

U. B. Church, asking for curbing. Referred to Street Committee.

Bergen and others asking that Winthrop Street be opened. Referred.

Petition of Y. M. C. A. asking that sewer pipe be extended on Main street from Adams Express office to Water street. Referred to Street Committee with power to act. Adjourned.